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Dear Hiring Committee,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the City Manager position in the City of Venice, as advertised. With over 37 years of experience in leadership roles across military and civilian sectors, including extensive hands-on experience in municipal resource management and city planning, I am well-prepared to contribute effectively to the growth and sustainability of Venice. My career has been defined by successful collaborations in strategic planning, fiscal management, and community engagement, aligning well with the challenges and opportunities Venice is currently navigating.

- Led the implementation of infrastructure projects valued at over \$12 billion, applying rigorous standards to enhance operational efficiency and sustainability – a crucial need for managing Venice's expanding boundaries.
- Spearheaded emergency preparedness initiatives with multiple agencies, crucial for Venice's requirement to mitigate tropical storm threats while maintaining safety and resilience.
- Developed strategic fiscal policies optimizing a \$300 million budget, aligning with Venice's need for robust financial management and resource allocation.
- Successfully directed projects enhancing coastal infrastructure, a key requirement for Venice's strategic response to rising water events and community safety.
- Initiated cooperative programs engaging city, state, and federal agencies to bolster community resilience and economic stability, directly supporting Venice's community-oriented growth and engagement initiatives.

I am drawn to the City of Venice because of its vibrant community and commitment to maintaining high-quality service amidst new challenges. My extensive experience in city management and economic development will allow me to integrate seamlessly with your team of entrepreneurial Department Directors. I am eager to leverage my expertise in strategic planning and community engagement to build on Venice's reputation as a thriving seaside city, ensuring sustainable growth and enhanced quality of life for its residents.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to Venice's continued success and to bring my vision for strategic growth and resilience to your beautiful city.

Warm regards,

Mark Sohaney